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THURSDAY MAY 10 1900.  
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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Scotland Neck Temperance Association meets the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month at 8:15.

CONVICTS ON THE STATE FARMS.—Monday sixteen convicts were brought from Raleigh to Tillery and turned over to Maj. McIver for the State farm.

HANDSOME DELIVERY.—The latest attraction on the street is Mr. W. H. Ailsbrook's handsome delivery wagon.

A CORRECTION.—In the report last week of the town convention the vote was given for those nominated before the convention for commissioners. But by some mistake the vote for Mr. J. B. Edwards was omitted. It was mentioned that he was nominated, but his vote was not given. We gladly make the correction. His vote was 73.

NEW VOLUME.—Our pleasant neighbor, the Roanoke News, has entered upon a new volume. It has been published regularly for thirty-three years and is more prosperous now than ever. We congratulate both paper and readers.

DR. GREEN RE-ELECTED.—The county commissioners Monday reelected Dr. I. E. Green county superintendent of health. It is an expression of great confidence in Dr. Green that the commissioners retain him so many years in this position of trust.

LITTLETON ELECTION.—The town election in Littleton Monday resulted in the election T. N. Harrison for mayor, S. Johnston, T. F. Maguire, J. A. Harrison, M. V. Perry, J. E. McCraw, J. J. Myrick and J. A. House for commissioners.

Weldon and Enfield and Halifax held no election.

PROF. HUGHES FRIDAY NIGHT.—Prof. E. M. Hughes, of Lexington, Ky., will give an entertaining piano and planola recital in Temperance Hall Friday night. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Weldon Baptist church. The people of Scotland Neck are always well disposed towards our Weldon neighbors, and will doubtless turn out in large numbers. Tickets on sale at E. T. Whitehead & Co's drug store. Admission: Adults 25c, children 15c. Reserved seats 35c.

MEETING IN THE METHODIST CHURCH.—A meeting will commence in the Methodist church here the third Sunday in May, 20th, conducted by Rev. E. C. Glenn. Pastor Ryder extends an invitation to all Christian workers to attend and participate in the work.

COURT HOUSE IMPROVED.—The court room in Halifax has been much improved. The floor outside of the bar has been raised to a level with the floor inside the bar. Seats have been arranged in the rear of the court room, and the prisoner's box has been moved from the centre of the court room to a place near the jury box on the south side of the room. Suitable carpeting has been placed on the floor and on the steps. The room is much improved and is much more comfortable.

Big Fire in Tarboro.—The Southern tells of a destructive fire in Tarboro Monday, April 27th, the entire plant of the Tar River Lumber Company was destroyed. The loss was \$12,000, with insurance of \$3,000.

Jurors for June Superior.

The county commissioners Monday drew the following jurors for Superior Court which will commence in Halifax Monday, June 4th:

Sam Brown, J. M. Grizzard, Jr., J. C. Hoard, J. M. Browning, J. R. Johnson, E. E. Norman, E. S. Hargrave, J. B. Edwards, J. W. Price, J. S. Bowers, J. T. De Barry, P. T. Anthony, J. F. Cobb, E. D. Purnell, Lucius Morris, J. T. Gay, J. R. Moore, John H. House.

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Commencements.

Oxford Female Seminary will hold commencement exercises May 13th.

Sunday morning, May 13th, sermon before Maggie Nutt Society by Dr. W. S. Penick, of Elizabeth City.

Sunday evening, Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. V. Tudor, of Richmond. Monday evening, May 14th, addresses by Dr. T. D. Skinner, of Raleigh, and Dr. J. D. Hufnagel, of Henderson.

Tuesday evening literary address by Colonel A. M. Waddell, Wilmington. Wednesday 16th, annual concert.

CATARRH CANNOT BE CURED with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known combined with the best blood purifiers acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. F. J. CHENEY & CO. Props. Toledo, Ohio.

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THE EBB AND FLOW.

Mr. R. V. Smith and wife, of Tarboro, are here visiting friends.

Mrs. R. J. Proctor came up from Washington on a visit today.

Mr. J. A. Allgood, of Washington N. C., has taken a place in the Carolina Buggy Co.

Mrs. K. Jenkins was called to Roanoke Rapids last week by the illness of her mother.

Mr. E. T. Whitehead went on a business trip to Richmond Monday.

Mr. Peter E. Smith went to New-Bern Tuesday.

Mr. G. F. King, from near Littleton was here Tuesday night to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Mrs. B. B. Sherrod, of Hamilton spent a day in Scotland Neck last week visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Butterworth.

Mr. George Dunn, who has been in school at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, came home Friday.

Miss May Bynum, of Tarboro, has been here on a visit recently to the family of Mrs. Gray.

Mr. J. B. Pearce, of Enfield, came down Friday. He brought Mr. J. B. Dunn, who is somewhat unwell, to his mother's for a rest.

Mrs. K. Allsbrook returned a few days ago from a visit to friends in Edgecombe.

Miss Minnie Belle Russell, of Monroe, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. O. Ryder.

Mr. Walter Dunn and family came down Friday and spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother.

Miss Maggie Bowers went to Tillery Monday to visit friends in that community.

Mr. R. G. Allsbrook came over from Tarboro and spent Sunday here with his parents. He was on his way to attend Halifax court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beavens, of Enfield, spent a day here recently on a visit to Mrs. Edmondson.

Mr. A. Vaughan moved his family to Weldon last week where he will make his home and work the sewing machine business.

Miss Lizzie Smith returned Monday from Richmond where she had been several weeks visiting Mrs. Barraud.

Miss Kate Bagley went to Hobgood Friday on a visit to Mrs. G. L. Merrill.

Mr. W. H. Randolph, of Tillery, spent Monday night here in attendance upon the meeting of the stockholders in the Scotland Neck cotton mills.

Messrs. J. M. Cutchin and W. H. Bond, of Whitakers, were here Friday. They are thinking of building a knitting mill at Whitakers and were here looking through the various knitting mills to get some idea of the business.

Another Knitting Mill.

The fourth knitting mill is now assured for Scotland Neck. Messrs. Andrews and Congenour and J. E. Bowers will at once erect a knitting mill at the point known as the "Tank" about a mile north of town. The building will be about 40x90 feet and will take machinery enough to employ one hundred operatives. The mill will manufacture hosiery exclusively and will employ only colored labor. Messrs. George T. Andrews and J. E. Bowers went to Baltimore last week and purchased the machinery, which will be placed and set to work as soon as the building can be erected. Mr. J. E. Bowers will be manager of the mill.

Doctors Byers Coming.

Drs. Byers & Byers, of Charlotte, will be in Scotland Neck soon to offer their services to the people of this community as specialists in the treatment of the eye. Dr. W. A. Byers was here about a year ago, and remained several weeks in successful work.

Scotland Neck Cotton Mills.

The annual meeting of the stock holders in the Scotland Neck cotton mills was held in the office of the Scotland Neck Bank last Monday.

The report of the secretary and treasurer was a favorable one. Mess. A. McDowell and J. S. Bowers have purchased large amounts of stock from various stockholders. Mr. A. McDowell was elected president of the mill and Mr. Bowers secretary and treasurer. These gentlemen will give their undivided attention to the business and the prospects for the mills are better than they ever have been.

The New City Fathers.

The town election Monday resulted in the election of Mr. W. T. Clement as mayor, and Messrs. P. E. Smith, T. H. Pritchard, W. R. Watson and Dr. R. M. Johnson as commissioners.

The COMMONWEALTH doffs its hat to this new board and the new mayor, and expresses great confidence in them by saying that all hands expect much of them for the ensuing year. All feel confident that these gentlemen will render good service.

A PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT.

Fun loving Scotland Neck was again treated to a most enjoyable play, "Twist Love and Money," on Thursday night, May 3rd.

For some time the town and community had waited patiently for the time to come when they should witness this drama. This excellent play was rendered by home talent, and all the participants sustained the reputation they had made on previous and similar occasions. It was a drama of high toned enjoyment and from the first ascent of the curtain it's strong pathetic scenes took hold on the sympathies of the people.

Miss Lucy Dunn, who has already won laurels, was the leading character, and appeared as Lillian Bough, the niece of Maj. Warrington, Mr. A. L. Purinton. Mr. W. T. Clement appeared as Herbert Van Allen a wealthy young man, who was the lover of Lillian, though social distinctions debarred a public acknowledgment.

Mr. E. V. Kitchin appeared as Martin Clench, a sailor and to whom in past years Lillian had betrothed herself, but through the wrong of Herbert her love had grown cold. He kills himself with Herbert's revolver, who is charged with murder. Herbert insists on a secret marriage, when married they flee to New York only to face the anger of Herbert's uncle.

Dr. J. E. Shields appeared as Jimmie Briggs, and in the words of the poet he was the source of laughter of the evening. Mr. R. C. Dunn as Jimmie Hanke, also did good acting as the friend of Herbert. Miss Mattie Cotton, as Peggie Potter and Miss Maggie Shaw, as Hanna Times did splendidly and were frequently encored. Mr. W. E. Whitmore, as Uncle to Davy Times, acted well, as he always does.

In course of time Herbert's Uncle dies and he and his humble wife live happily.

The proceeds for the Methodist Church amounted to \$53.00.

The play was under the management of Mrs. W. A. Dunn who has quite a reputation in such functions.

Graduated With Honor.

The Williamston Enterprise says: "Last Monday at the Baltimore Dental College, our clever young townsman, John D. Biggs, Jr., completed his course in Dentistry and received a diploma of graduation from that institution. It is with great pleasure personally that we are able to say that John graduated with the highest honor of his class, having been selected to deliver the Valedictory address of the class which he did in a creditable manner, and with great honor to himself. He will go to Greensboro on the 8th of May and secure state license before returning home."

"Well Satisfied."

Some time ago a number of operatives for the knitting mills came from Rich Square to Scotland Neck, and their coming was noted by the Roanoke-Chowan Times, published at Rich Square. Last week under the heading "Well Satisfied," the same paper said:

"It was predicted by some that the families that moved from here to Scotland Neck some time ago would not be satisfied, but such seems not to be the case. We learn that in private letters to friends here Mrs. N. E. Bowers writes that she likes the place the people and the work better than she expected she would before going, and that both she and Mrs. Shonlars are well satisfied and doing well."

And it is no surprise that those who come are satisfied. It is generally so with all who come to Scotland Neck. It is indeed a most delightful place to live and few live here for any appreciable time who wish to leave. Let those who can and will build houses so that others who wish to move here may do so and likewise be satisfied.

CANDY CATHARTIC

To Sunday School Workers.

Mr. J. W. Bryan, field secretary for the North Carolina Sunday School Association, is to hold meetings in the interest of the Sunday school cause at the following times and places:

Enfield Friday night, May 11th; Halifax Saturday, May 12th, at 10 a. m.; Sunday, the 13th, afternoon and night, at Weldon; Jackson, May 15th, and Littleton the 16th, at night. The Christian community and friends of the Sunday School cause are especially urged to attend.

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Our Stock of Coffins and Caskets is the most complete line of its kind in the county. Orders by mail or wire will have prompt attention.

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HALIFAX CRIMINAL COURT.

Not a Very Large Docket.

Halifax Criminal Court is in session this week, Judge Augustus Moore presiding. The court was opened at 11:30 and the following grand jury was called and sworn: B. H. Hale, foreman; G. F. King, B. G. Hux, J. B. Ricks, Robert Fletcher, Walter Lucas, R. A. Light, N. J. King, Jas. C. Anderson, H. J. Burwell, Thos. H. Wilcox, W. J. Little, R. L. Williams, D. N. Pittard, J. E. Pepper, W. H. Johnson, Chas. Adkins, W. V. Bobbitt.

CHARGE TO THE JURY.

Judge Moore made the usual charge to the jury, calling attention to the criminal law in general and to some statutes in particular.

Before the revision of the Code in 1868 there were twenty-six crimes in North Carolina punishable with death; now there are only four—murder, rape, burglary and arson.

The degrees of murder, first and second, were fully explained, and a strict charge given concerning each.

Special attention was called to the crime of slander.

Also Judge Moore laid much stress upon the crime against the law prohibiting the selling of cigarettes to minors. He discussed clearly the great injury which comes to boys through the cigarette habit; and charged the jury that they would be remiss in their duty if they failed to report all cases that come under this statute.

Also stress was laid upon the statutes against selling or giving intoxicating liquors to minors, and against the general and sweeping crime of common gambling, and especially against the enticement of the youth into such habits. The charge was not too long, but was clear, and made a good impression on the jury and the spectators and listeners in the court room.

Judge Moore, it will be remembered was recently appointed by the Governor in the place of Judge Dorsey Battle, who recently died in Rocky Mount. Judge Moore's style of charge is easy; he is fluent of speech and pleasant in his demeanor towards all connected with the court. He is making friends of those who have business before him and his bearing in all respects is that of a considerate but conscientious judge.

The docket at the opening of the court did not show a large number of cases. There are three capital cases, charges for capital punishment being against William Pugh, Henry Nicholson and J. W. Morris.

Curtain Falls on Second Act.

The second act in the "string and nail" comedy-farce with which some of the most peaceable, quiet and unobtrusive citizens of Scotland Neck have recently been so much terrorized, developed rather a dramatic phase in its closing scene last Friday night when the devotees of that inglorious sport gathered their cohorts for a council of war upon the innocent and unwary, and concealing their identity behind the friendly mask of the nocturnal shades, proceeded to the residence of Mr. E. K. Hassell to exhibit in the revelry of an application of the *modus operandi* which has been so effectual in its potency for blending terror with sweet repose and happy dreams. The climax was ushered in by startling developments from an unexpected source, for in that supreme moment when the infernal machine was getting in the best of its diabolical work and making night hideous with screechings the most weird, uncanny, and blood-curdling that ever fell on mortal ears or appalled a human heart, the sharp, whip-like report of the famous Winchester rang out keen and clear and reverberated in prolonged detonations through the gloom. That awful stillness that always precedes the bursting of the storm now momentarily prevailed, when again that terrible repeater, which is a veritable battery within itself, awoke the echoes far and wide, as shot after shot followed each other in rapid succession. The ranks broke, consternation ensued and the precipitancy with which dark forms sped through the shadows in their hasty and disorderly retreat through briar, bramble and upturned sod can only be imagined by those who were eye witnesses to the pitiable spectacle presented by at least one of the participants whose dilapidated condition suggested nothing so much as the sole survivor of a dynamite explosion or a vanquished knight of the fætic arena. Close communion with Mother Earth, abundant traces of whose fond embrace clung in unblushing affection to every portion of a spoiled suit, perhaps offers the best explanation of how a tragedy was narrowly averted and a wiser but sadder young man reclaimed from the "error of his way" and restored to the peaceful pursuit of loftier ideals.

AT THIS SEASON of the year there are always many deaths, particularly among children, from summer complaint, diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera morbus, cramps, etc., and every one ought to know that a sure and speedy cure can easily be obtained by taking Perry Davis' Pain Killer in sweetened water every half hour. It never fails. Avoid substitutes, those but one Pain-Killer. Price 25c and 50c.

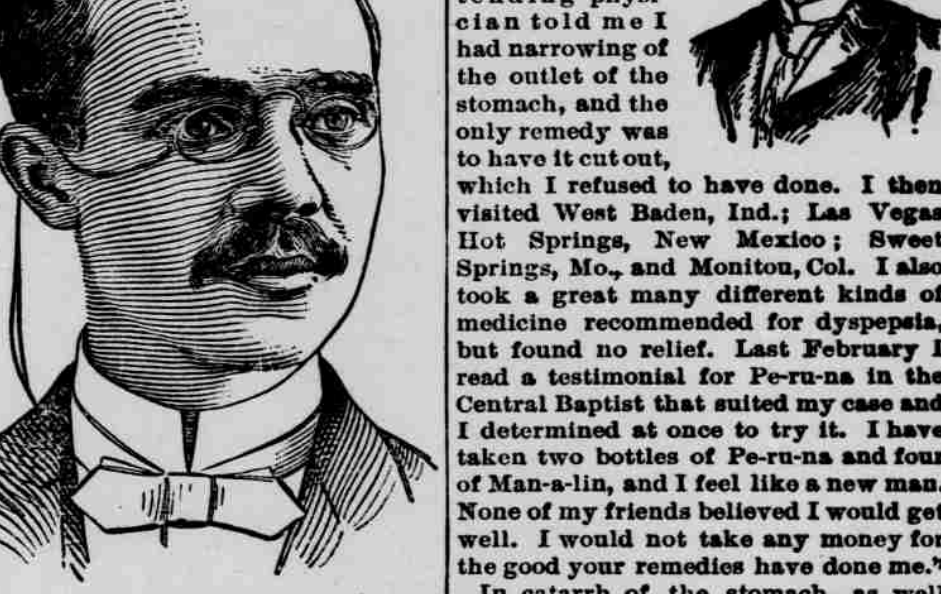
CATARRH OF THE STOMACH.

Rabbi David Klein, 823 E. Main street, Columbus, O., writes the following to Dr. Hartman in regard to Pe-ru-na: "It affords me great pleasure to testify to the curative merits of your medicine. Pe-ru-na is a well-tried and widely used remedy. Especially as a specific for catarrh of the stomach it cannot be excelled. Pe-ru-na will do all that is claimed for it."

Mr. Alex. Carter of Van Buren, Carter Co., Mo., says: "I had been troubled with dyspepsia and indigestion since 1870. The best physicians in the country could do no good. I visited the Mullanphy hospital in St. Louis and received no benefit. The attending physician told me I had narrowing of the outlet of the stomach, and the only remedy was to have it cut out, which I refused to have done. I then visited West Baden, Ind.; Las Vegas Hot Springs, New Mexico; Sweet Springs, Mo., and Monticello, Col. I also took a great many different kinds of medicine recommended for dyspepsia, but found no relief. Last February I read a testimonial for Pe-ru-na in the Central Baptist that suited my case and I determined at once to try it. I have taken two bottles of Pe-ru-na and four of Man-a-lin, and I feel like a new man. None of my friends believed I would get well. I would not take any money for the good your remedies have done me."

In catarrh of the stomach, as well as in catarrh of any other part of the body, Pe-ru-na is the remedy. As it has often been said, if Pe-ru-na will cure catarrh of one part, it will cure catarrh of any other part of the body.

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Rabbi David Klein.

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El-cton Board Organized.

The county election board, consisting of Maj. T. L. Emry, Messrs. W. F. Butterworth and J. B. Ricks, met in Halifax Monday. They qualified and organized, Maj. Emry being made chairman and Mr. Butterworth secretary.

Roanoke Clay Company.

This company, consisting of Messrs. W. H. White, L. M. Pittman and C. Speed, has been organized for the purpose of making brick, tiling, etc. Headquarters will be at Scotland Neck, but the works will be at Kshukee siding on the Norfolk & Carolina Railroad near Palmyra. The machinery has been purchased, is on the ground and will soon be at work with a capacity of fifteen thousand daily.

North Carolina, Halifax County. R. J. SHIELDS vs. ROBERT HOWARD

Summons by publication. To Robert Howard, the defendant.

Whereas a summons issued by the undersigned in the above entitled cause has been returned by the Sheriff of said County "not to be found in my County," you are hereby notified that an action has been begun against you by said R. J. Shields for the purpose of securing a judgment against you for the sum of \$200.00 and interest from Jan. 1, 1895, and you are hereby summoned to appear before me at my office in Halifax, N. C., on the 24th day of May, 1900, to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or judgment will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand, this April 16, 1900. IVEY M. PARKER, J. P.

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